

WITH RESCUERS NEAR, MAN, TRAPPED BY FIRE, DROPPED TO SIDEWALK

Steve Sheridan Sustained Serious Injuries in Fire Which Swept Through New Bedford Men's Mission—He Hung By His Fingers to Window Sill

TWO OTHER MEN ARE MISSING AND MAY BE DEAD

Ten Other Buildings in Thickly Settled Portion of New Bedford Were on Fire at the Same Time and Firemen Fought Flames on Three Streets

New Bedford, Mass., June 23.—With flames licking his fingers as he hung suspended from the window of his fourth floor room in the New Bedford men's mission this morning, Steve Sheridan, 30, of Providence, an employee of a circus, which showed here yesterday, disregarded shouts from the street that told him a ladder was coming and let go.

He lighted on his back on the sidewalk and was picked up unconscious. His left leg was fractured and his spine injured. He is on the dangerous list at St. Luke's hospital.

Sheridan was left behind by the circus in order to be taken to the hospital for treatment today.

The fire in the mission broke out in a shed in the rear of the building on North Second street shortly before 11 this morning. Three alarms brought the greater part of the fire apparatus to the scene. A brisk breeze was blowing and within a few minutes the flames had spread to ten other houses and buildings in a district thickly built up with wooded structures.

Two factories nearby shut down machinery and threw out water walls. Their employees were ordered out of the plants. Had work on the part of the firemen managed to check the blaze and shortly after noon it was under control. The damage is estimated at between twenty-five thousand and thirty thousand dollars.

The mission building was practically destroyed, but most of the other structures which caught fire were saved. In one instance there was no engine available and a bucket brigade was organized to fight a blaze on the roof of a woodworking concern.

Charles Holmes and Augustus Bontomley, who were working in the mission shed when the fire was discovered, are missing and a search is being made for them in the ruins, though it is possible they may have escaped and will turn up later.

A Civil war veteran, who was in one of the houses which caught fire was carried to safety by John Catlow.

For a time the fire assumed serious proportions and a bad situation was feared. Firemen were fighting blazes on three streets.

"GHOST" MOANS AND SCARES PEOPLE

All Efforts to Solve Mystery Fail—Thousands Attracted to House Day and Night.

Bristol, Va.-Tenn., June 23.—An official police investigation has failed to lay Bristol's "ghost" and after more than a week's excitement strange moanings and groanings continue to emanate from the "haunted house" in the residential district to which thousands have been attracted daily and nightly. All sorts of theories have been advanced by the skeptics but all efforts to explain the strange sounds have been futile. The police advanced the theory that rats were responsible, but after all rodents were eliminated from the building the moaning continued.

Now building experts have decided to try their hand at solving the mystery and have started an investigation that will cover every inch of the room and walls in which the noise is heard. Two inmates of the house already have suffered nervous breakdowns as a result of the excitement created by the "ghost."

HOPES FOR PEACE IN IRELAND.

Irish Times of Dublin Comments Favorably on George's Speech.

Dublin, June 23.—Commenting upon the address of King George at the opening of the Ulster parliament, the Irish Times said today:

"If southern Irishmen will allow themselves to think soberly, we may hope yesterday's events at Belfast will begin immediately to improve the prospects of peace. Henceforward no Irishman who is not a fool or a fanatic can ignore the significance of the northern parliament."

Dr. Roy Upham Heads Homeopaths.

Washington, D. C., June 23.—Dr. Roy Upham of Brooklyn was elected president of the American Institute of Homeopathy at the annual convention today.

LEWIS STANDS FOR GOV'T. OWNERSHIP

On That and a Platform Calling for Nationalization of the Mines He Hopes for A. F. of L. Presidency.

Denver, Colo., June 23.—Government ownership of the railroads and nationalization of the mines are the two major issues on which John L. Lewis hopes to win the presidency of the American Federation of Labor, it was learned today. On the other hand, President Samuel Gompers was striving for re-election upon his record of the past 41 years as a leader in the American labor movement.

In his first public statement as to his platform, Mr. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, said:

"I stand for government ownership of the railroads and nationalization of the mines, and other progressive legislation that will give the workers and the toilers of America the freedom and justice in industry they deserve."

"I stand for health insurance, old age pensions and unemployment insurance—all progressive measures for the relief of the working masses. The enactment of laws covering these subjects would give to the workers adequate protection and reward for the service that they have rendered in industry."

Mr. Lewis said that he had taken no definite stand on the subject of relations with European trades union movements, adding:

"I believe, however, that some logical proposition can be worked out by which the American labor movement again may be affiliated with the international federation of trades unions. Of course the autonomy of the American organization must be fully guaranteed."

In any event I believe we should not lose contact with the European federation and we should be in communication with that body."

"All my policies," he continued, "will be formulated on a sane and constructive basis and be designed to meet and adequately dispose of the great issues that confront organized labor as they exist today."

While President Gompers issued no statement supporting in his behalf declared that "his record in the American labor movement during the past 41 years would reflect him to the presidency." This made the issues between the two candidates clear as President Gompers has already gone on record against government ownership, unemployment insurance, health insurance and similar proposed legislative measures.

Supporters of both candidates continued their campaigns at top speed today, carrying their electioneering to the floor of the convention where they were trying to gain the support of delegates soliciting their support. Little change, however, was shown in their lineups for the candidates.

The railroad organizations up to today had failed to declare which candidate they would support. If they reach agreement, labor leaders say, their vote probably would decide the election.

With the railroad and the Irish question disposed of, the convention today began to dispose of a number of minor matters and prepared the way to the jurisdictional disputes and the question of relations with European labor movements.

Among the more than a score of resolutions adopted yesterday were the following:

Opposing the Nolan bill to make the minimum wage for government employees 83.

Supporting the executive council's report on adverse court decisions and urging enactment of a national anti-trust law.

Supporting efforts of seamen to get workmen's compensation and accident insurance.

Supporting the United Mine Workers in their court cases growing out of the coal strike.

Opposing the Calder coal bill in the United States Senate.

Approving the Massachusetts law relating to formation of cooperative banks and credit unions.

Requesting large appropriations for the federal employment bureau.

Approving the executive council's report condemning the "one big union."

BANK OF ENGLAND SPRINGS SURPRISE

By Reducing Rate of Discount from 6 1/2 to 6 Per Cent—Deposit Rates May Be Lowered.

London, June 23.—The Bank of England sprang a surprise today by reducing its rate of discount from six and one-half to six per cent just as the banks were making up their half-yearly accounts. It was expected that during the day the deposit rates would be lowered.

It is believed the chief reason for the decision was the necessity that the treasury be able to borrow money more cheaply. The government recently has been able to place treasury bills at just over five per cent in consequence of cheaper money conditions, and with an other half per cent off the bank rate it is considered probable the government will be able to place them still lower.

The recent reduction of the federal reserve bank in the United States and the recent money conditions in America were also deciding influences to the lower minimum rate.

TWO POLICEMEN SHOT.

Chicago, June 23.—Two policemen were shot and seriously injured today when they attempted to question three negroes, one of whom was killed a short time later by other police officers. A second negro, said to have participated in the shooting, was captured.

SEC. DENBY IS NOT SATISFIED

By Rear Admiral Sims' Report About Speech Being Misquoted

DEMANDS WRITTEN STATEMENT OF CASE

Sims Spent Only a Minute or Two With Denby To-day

Washington, D. C., June 23.—Rear Admiral Sims reported personally to Secretary Denby today that he had been misquoted in press accounts of his remarks in London concerning Sinn Fein sympathizers in the United States. He was recalled from leave of absence to explain these remarks and Secretary Denby directed him today to make a written statement giving a correct text of what he had said.

Admiral Sims was with the secretary only a minute or two, then going to the office of Admiral Countz, chief of naval operations.

The admiral refused to comment on the case in any way, but Secretary Denby said:

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DEFENDANTS NOT MEN HE SAW

Declares Defense Witness Who Was In So. Brantree on Murder Day

THEY DID NOT LOOK LIKE ITALIANS

But He Later Admitted He Had Told Police a Different Story

Dedham, Mass., June 23.—Hot weather and humidity invaded the Norfolk county superior court with such force today that the jury in the murder trial of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were given permission to sit in their shirt sleeves. Four of the jurors who had requested Judge Thayer to permit them to remove their coats immediately peeled down to shirts and suspenders.

Fred Frantiello, a former shoe worker, testified for the defense that he had a good look at the two alleged highwaymen who were leaning on a rail fence at a South Brantree factory about five minutes before the robbery and double murder near there on April 15 last year. Frantiello said that the defendants were not the men he saw. On direct examination he said the men near the scene of the crime did not look like Italians.

In cross examination he admitted the truth of an interview last February with the state police in which he said that one of the men looked like a low-typed Italian. A few minutes later he corrected this testimony to say that he had formed no opinion as to the nationality of the men he saw.

Augustus Pecheur, a glass blower, who accompanied Frank A. Burke, his partner, to South Brantree on the day of the murder, testified that he and Burke arrived there about 1:30 p. m. Pecheur testified yesterday that he and Burke arrived from Brockton shortly before 3 o'clock. Pecheur was positive that he waited on the South Brantree platform while Burke was on business in the town for a very long time, about an hour and a half and that Burke showed up a short time after he had heard the shooting at 3 o'clock.

HARVARD AND YALE OARSMEN ARE RESTING

In Anticipation of the Big Event on the Thames River.

New London, Conn., 23.—All work of the Yale and Harvard oarsmen at their training camps on the Thames river was ended yesterday.

The exercise today was to be extremely light for it was another hot morning. Absolute quiet was ordered and the scores of visitors who were in the neighborhood of quarters were kept away from the crews.

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HARVARD AWARDS DEGREES TO WOMEN

For the First Time Since the College Was Founded 285 Years Ago.

Cambridge, Mass., June 23.—Harvard degrees were awarded to women today for the first time since the college was founded 285 years ago. The young women were students in the graduate school of education and were among more than 1,100 graduated from the various university departments.

Commencement exercises were held in Sanders theatre and because of the limited seating capacity, accommodations were provided only for graduates and their immediate families, special guests and alumni of 25 years standing or more. The degrees were awarded by President A. Lawrence Lowell.

At the annual meeting of the alumni association later, addresses were delivered by President Lowell, Gov. Cox and some of the recipients of honorary degrees.

Voting for six Harvard overseers and three directors of the alumni association continued throughout the day in Massachusetts hall.

BE RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

Was Gov. Cox's Advice to the Seniors of Harvard.

Cambridge, Mass., June 23.—Educated persons were urged to realize their individual responsibilities as citizens by Governor Channing H. Cox in an address today to the graduating class of Harvard university.

"I am confident, he said, 'that we could agree at least that a person is not educated who does not feel the vital need today of discharging his obligations as a citizen.'"

"My plea to the men of Harvard," Governor Cox continued, "to all college men, to all educated men, is that we may have a sense of individual responsibility as citizens. We ought to be toward society in the way that other men are doing until we are sure that each one of us is doing his part honorably and well. We have found that there is no short cut to education. One has to learn by hard study. There is no short cut to character and industry to character and self reliance. An individual must acquire them for himself."

"If we are to continue as a strong nation we must be strong as individuals having intelligent opinions, having a sense of duty, and counting our duties as citizens and counting it a privilege to discharge them."

Most of the legislation enacted as the result of so-called "drives" is beneficial and helpful, the governor said, but added that some of its "attempts to have the state do in an inferior way things which the individual would be far better in doing for himself."

The governor reminded the class that the legislature desiring to respond to public opinion "sometimes forgets that the opposition is not organized."

"They listen to those who are talking and consequently the number of regulations of conduct increases and the expenses of the state are piled high," he said.

BOWDOIN MEDICAL CLOSES.

Last Class Composed of 8, Was Graduated Today.

Brunswick, Me., June 23.—With the commencement exercises of Bowdoin closed, the Bowdoin Medical school closed its doors today after an existence of more than 100 years. This was because the college officials no longer felt able to maintain the school in class A and had decided to transfer the school to the financial building. There were about 40 students in the school.

Ninety-six degrees were awarded in addition to the honorary degrees, 65 being bachelor of arts, 23 bachelor of science, and eight doctor of medicine. The honorary degrees were conferred as follows:

Master of Arts, Wilbert G. Mallett, principal of Farmington Normal school; Miss Heloise E. Hersey, principal of a school for girls at Mendon, N. H.; Doctor of Science, Preston Keyes, professor of preventive medicine, University of Chicago; Addison S. Thayer, Portland, dean of Bowdoin Medical school.

Doctor of Humane Letters, Henry K. White, preparatory school principal, Seaside, formerly of Bangor, Me.; Doctor of Divinity, Newman Smyth of New Haven, fellow of Yale university.

PAY TRIBUTE TO AVIATORS.

Flowers Strewn in Chesapeake Bay in Memory of Two Men.

Newport News, Va., June 23.—Nearly two score army airplanes commanded by Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant chief of the air service, crossed the Chesapeake Bay today in memory of Captain Howard Douglas and Lieutenant M. J. Plumb, who were killed yesterday.

A three hundred pound TNT bomb exploded near them as their machines hit the water after colliding in the air and it is believed that both the men and machines were blown to pieces. Only a few pieces of wreckage have been found.

Both airmen were considered pioneers in the service and maneuvers have been suspended in their honor.

INTERNATIONALE CONFERENCE

Open in Moscow, the Deliberations Not Made Known.

Riga, June 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The conference of the international congress of the League of Nations opened today in Moscow, according to a radio message through the official service from Moscow under date of Wednesday. The message says:

"The congress of the internationale league of nations and its strong-brother proletarian Russia."

Mystery surrounds the actual happenings in the preliminary conferences and what happened in the five days between the opening ceremonies of the international congress and parade of Friday last and yesterday.

U.S. MAY REFUND ITS WAR LOANS

Bill Giving Such Authority Is Introduced in the Senate

AUTHORITY GIVEN TO EXTEND LOANS

To Accept Foreign Securities And to Settle All Unsecured Claims

Washington, D. C., June 23.—A bill embodying plans of Secretary Mellon of the treasury department for refunding war loans made to the allies was introduced in the Senate today by Chairman Penrose of the finance committee to which the measure was referred.

The blanket authority would be given the secretary under the bill with the president's approval, to reconvert or extend loans or interest payments, to accept foreign securities in payment and to settle all claims not now secured.

ANTI-BEER IN

And Will Have Right of Way in the House Soon.

Washington, D. C., June 23.—The Willis-Campbell anti-beer bill with minor amendments was reported today by the House judiciary committee. The rules committee is expected to give it the right of way in the House within the next few days.

TO NIP SOVIETISM IN THE U. S. NAVY

Sec. Denby Has Plans Under Consideration—Capt. C. D. Stearns Relieved of Debating Conditions with Men.

Washington, D. C., June 23.—Secretary Denby has taken action on recommendation of Admiral H. B. Wilson, commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet, to nip in the bud any tendency toward sovietism in the navy. Captain Clark D. Stearns of the battleship Michigan has been relieved of having permitted his crew to discuss with him disciplinary matters, vested only in the ship's commanding officer.

Captain Stearns issued the order which brought about this detachment with the approval of former Secretary Daniels. It is understood that Secretary Denby is said to hold that while the order was intended to improve morale of the enlisted personnel, approval by the department of the course would establish a precedent that might injure discipline even to the point of setting up "soviet rule" in the navy.

The order issued on the Michigan provided for a "ship morale committee" to consist of four petty officers and ten other enlisted men. Among duties assigned to it were investigation and a report to the captain on disciplinary cases which the captain might require and transmission to the captain from the crew of suggestions tending to increase the efficiency of the ship or the navy service.

CAR CLIMBED BANK

Throwing Out Two Men and Injuring Them Slightly.

Middlebury, June 23.—Walter Calhoun and Frank Warren were injured yesterday afternoon near East Cornwell, when in turning out for a carriage that they met as their car drove to one side and dashed up an embankment, the machine overturning.

Mr. Calhoun's left hip was thrown out of joint and he was bruised and cut. He was brought to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Milbourn, by ambulance. Mr. Warren suffered cuts on one leg and was bruised, but was not seriously hurt as Mr. Calhoun.

Dr. Sharon of Shoreham, who was on his way home, attended them, and Dr. E. N. Eddy and Dr. C. C. Flagg of this village also were summoned.

Mr. Calhoun went to Mr. Warren's garage to have an auto fixed up, and the men decided to take a little ride.

SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

Disputed Horsehoe Match Threatened Much Trouble.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 23.—The disputed championship horsehoe match here June 22 between C. C. Davis of Columbus, Ohio, and Frank Jackson of Kellerton, Iowa, was settled outside of court yesterday. Davis won the match from the national champion, agreed to call it no contest and to accept the return of his half of the four hundred dollar side bet held by G. W. "Son" Taylor. The court action was brought by Davis against Taylor on his refusal to turn over the purse on evidence by Jackson that the pegs were 41 feet apart instead of 40 feet as agreed to.

NON-STOP DASH

Across Continent Will Be Started By Airplane

Los Angeles, June 23.—A non-stop aerial dash for New York will be started this afternoon from March field, Riverside, Calif., by David R. Davis of Hollywood, California, and Eric Springer of Ocean Park. Plans to start from here were prevented by field conditions and the locally built airplane was lightened of its 650 gallon cargo of gasoline and started for the Riverside field.

Bureau of Markets Head Quits.

Washington, D. C., June 23.—George Livingston, chief of the bureau of markets, has presented his resignation to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, effective July 1, and will enter private business. His successor has not been selected.

MACDONALD—WALKER.